

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: August 17, 2005

Division: BOCC1

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐

Department: BOCC1

Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson-Willi

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Presentation of Mayor's Proclamation recognizing August 17th as Voluntary Prekindergarten Day (VPK).

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

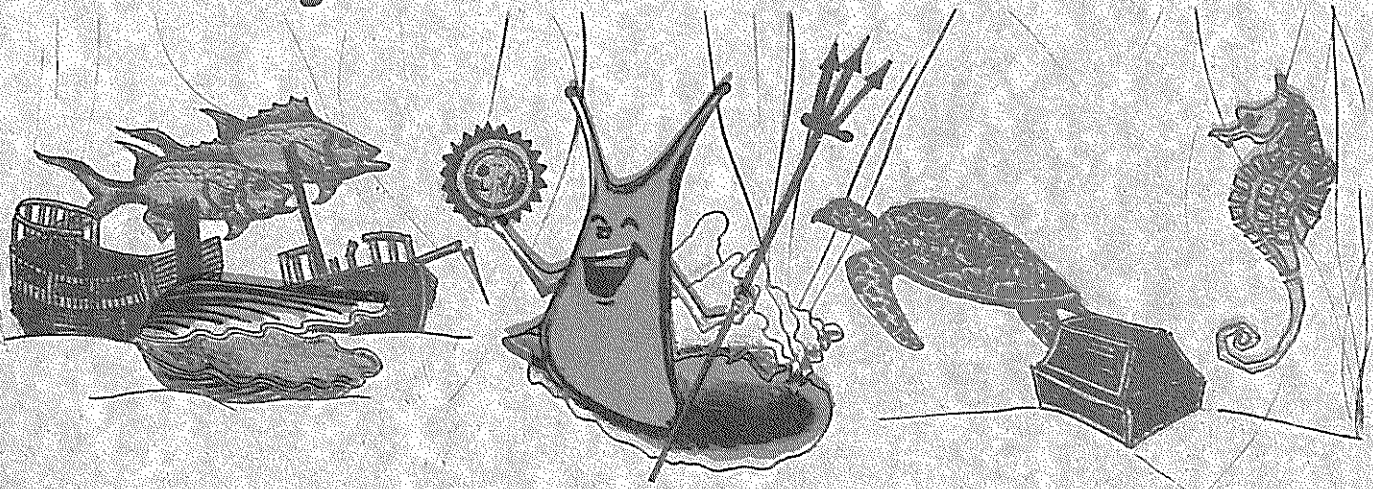
APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: *Dixie M. Spehar*
Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

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Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2002 voters in the State of Florida approved a state constitutional amendment calling for the creation and implementation of a new voluntary prekindergarten program for all four-year olds in Florida.

WHEREAS, Governor Bush signed the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) legislature into law in January of 2005.

WHEREAS, the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe seeks to ensure that all children are ready and eager to learn by the time they reach first grade.

WHEREAS, the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe will administer the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program in our community.

WHEREAS, the VPK program will consist of high literacy standards, strict accountability, appropriate curricula, substantial instruction periods, manageable class sizes and qualified instructors.

WHEREAS, all children in Florida who will be four-years old on or before September 1, 2005, are eligible.

WHEREAS, the over 35,000 four-year olds in our community are now eligible for this new, free, high-quality prekindergarten program.

WHEREAS, today we celebrate a historical event, the implementation of the new Voluntary Prekindergarten Program occurring across the State, enabling Florida's four-year olds to achieve future educational success.

NOW THEREFORE, by the virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, I, Dixie M. Spehar, proclaim August 17, 2005 as VPK Day in Monroe County and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of this new Voluntary Prekindergarten program that will provide high-quality learning to the over 35,000 for year olds in our community.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, Florida, this 17th day of August, 2005.


DIXIE M. SPEHAR, MAYOR